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Revisions to labour force estimates

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today released revised employment and unemployment statistics. The revisions follow the annual reanalysis of seasonal factors undertaken by the ABS and affects seasonally adjusted and trend labour force estimates from February 1978 to January 2000. The reanalysis of seasonal factors incorporates the most recent 12 months of labour force data.

The following table shows the previously published and the revised seasonally adjusted estimates of employed persons and the unemployment rate for the period January 1999 to January 2000.

		Employed Persons ('000)		Unemployment Rate (%)	
		Previously Published	Revised	Previously Published	Revised
1999	January	8677.7	8678.3	7.5	7.5
	February	8710.6	8705.0	7.4	7.4
	March	8703.2	8715.8	7.4	7.4
	April	8711.1	8716.3	7.5	7.5
	May	8712.2	8719.8	7.5	7.4
	June	8774.6	8778.2	7.2	7.2
	July	8792.4	8789.4	7.0	7.0
	August	8818.8	8820.8	7.4	7.1
	Sept	8831.4	8829.0	7.4	7.3
	October	8878.8	8871.8	7.1	7.1
	November	8872.6	8872.8	6.7	6.8
	December	8928.4	8912.3	7.0	7.0
2000	January	8900.9	8903.4	6.8	6.9

The ABS will publish revised data in **Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary** (cat. no. 6202.0) to be released on 9 March 2000, and in **Labour Force, Australia** (Catalogue No. 6203.0) to be released on 31 March 2000. Revised data to January 2000 are now available on the ABS's electronic data service PC-Ausstats. These estimates, and seasonal factors to January 2001, are also available as a special data service on request from the statistical contact listed below.

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